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http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hfnewsletter/

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Welcome to the May 2008 edition of the Radio HF Internet Newsletter. Happy Mother's Day to everyone! I know, I know I promised to have the newsletter out on schedule this month but, as it turns out, it is actually later than it was last month. What can I say? It has been a very hectic month for me. Hamfests in April were in full swing, three in a row actually. Also, I have been working as a consultant contract for the last few months and it is really eating away at any free time. We're in to May and the prime birding season but, given my schedule, I haven't been out birdwatching that much either. Hopefully that will change, soon!

It looks like my wife and I will be doing the Baillie Birdathon on Friday, May 16th. If you were planning on making a pledge to the cause, and haven't yet contacted me to do so, you still have time. Any amount would be greatly appreciated. I don't need the actual payments prior to the Birdathon, but I do need the pledge to be recorded prior to the event. You can contact me by e-mail with your pledge amount. I'll have the results of the event next month for you, together with a complete list of Radio HF Internet Newsletter subscribers who have contributed to the cause. Let's hope we finally crack that 100 species in a day goal this year. We were just 4 species short last year with our total of 96.

In this month's Newsletter, the Monthly Special Zone features sites dealing with National Police Week, Memorial Day and International

Museum Day.

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THE COMMENTS ZONE

No comments this month.
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THE CONTRIBUTORS ZONE

A nice improvement this month on the number of contributors. We're up to 10 people this month, a number we haven't been near for some time. Let's continue to hear from more of you with your favourite websites which you feel might be of interest to our subscribers.

Buzz, from the SWLFest Mailing List
Kevin Carey, West Bloomfield, New York
Larry Dolan, Pierrefonds, Quebec
David Goren, Brooklyn, New York
Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec
Vernon Ikeda, Pierrefonds, Quebec
Don Moore, Davenport, Iowa
Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario
Richard Sim, Goose Bay, Labrador & Newfoundland
Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

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THE MONTHLY SPECIAL ZONE

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

http://www.nationalcops.org/npwhistory.htm

National Police Week is celebrated from May 11 to May 17. This site explains the origins of the event and outlines events that make up the week.

MEMORIAL DAY

http://www.usmemorialday.org/

This site was created to help promote the return of the original intent and meaning back to Memorial Day, to be a central point for

finding information on the day, and to provide an online community for people to share their feelings, pride, respect and honor for those that gave their all. This site also promotes restoring the traditional day of observance of Memorial Day to the 30th of May.

INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY

http://icom.museum/imd.html

The International Council of Museums Secretariat invites all members to celebrate International Museum Day around 18 May.

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THE MAY ZONE

Each month we feature the monthly page from Wikipedia, the free, on-line encyclopedia.
The page features an overview of the month, plus background and general information on the month itself. The actual monthly calendar, clickable day by day, gives a list of special events in history, famous birthdays, anniversaries, etc. for each day.
Here is the link for the month of May.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/May

Also, here are some special days in May.

MONTHLY CELEBRATIONS

Heal the Children Month
Healthy Vision Month
National Barbecue Month
National High Blood Pressure Education Month
National Meditation Month
Young Achievers Month

WEEKLY CELEBRATIONS

5-11 Astronomy Week
9-15 Salute to 35+ Moms Week
12-17 National Police Week
18-24 National Salvation Army Week
25-31 Hurricane Awareness Week

SPECIAL DAYS

11 Mother's Day
15 United Nations International Day of Families
17 Armed Forces Day
17 United Nations World Telecommunication Day
18 International Museum Day
22 National Maritime Day
24 Brother's Day
25 National Missing Children Day
26 Memorial Day
29 United Nations International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers
31 United Nations World No Tobacco Day

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

14 Root Canal Appreciation Day
11 Eat What You Want Day
24 International Jazz Day

Sources:
Chase's Calendar of Events 2008
California Department of Education, 2008 Calendar of Events.
Earth Calendar
National Safety Council, 2008 Safety Observance Calendar
UN Special Observances and Days

VIA

http://espanol.ucanr.org/Calendario/May_2008.htm

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MFJ ENTERPRISES INC.

MFJ Enterprises, Inc., was founded in 1972 by Martin F. Jue. The company began operations in a small rented hotel room in the old Stark Hotel in downtown Starkville, Mississippi. The company began marketing its products in October of 1972. In 1996, MFJ began making some of its own components used in the production of antenna tuners. MFJ's designs have been proven to handle high power operation. Constantly changing and constantly improving, MFJ and its subsidiaries have managed to stay on top of their share of the market by a generous customer service policy and listening to what the customer wants.

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http://www.mfjenterprises.com/

From the webpage you'll be able to download the complete MFJ catalog. The complete line of MFJ products is available from Radio HF. Contact me for pricing and availability.

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WHERE IN THE WORLD ZONE

This month, given the news that the world received earlier this week, we head to South East Asia, to the country of Myanmar, perhaps known better by its previous name, Burma. A devastating cyclone hit the country earlier this week, killing perhaps as many as 100,000 people and leaving well over a million people homeless. The saddest part of this story is that the hard-line military government of the country is refusing to allow foreign aid workers into the heavily guarded and closed country to assist those in need.

The official government website for the country of Myanmar is http://www.mofa.gov.mm/. The site has not been updated to reflect anything relating to the cyclone.

Here are some other sites which might be of interest to help you learn more about Myanmar.

C.I.A. WORLD FACT BOOK BURMA (MYANMAR)

https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/bm.html

BURMA DAILY

http://www.burmadaily.com/

MYANMAR NEWS

http://www.myanmarnews.net/

MYANMAR TODAY

http://radiomyanmar.com/

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THE RADIO ZONE

NORTHERN NATIVE BROADCASTING YUKON

http://www.nnby.net/main.php

VIA David Goren, Brooklyn, New York

Northern Native Broadcasting, Yukon (NNBY) produces award winning radio and television programming. CHON-FM is community radio from Whitehorse, Yukon with a First Nations focus. The music programming changes throughout the day. I listen a lot when making dinner around 5 pm EDT, and enjoy their program Bannock Jam, which plays lots of roots music. Generally, mid-day and early evening they program country music with a very eclectic mix leaning towards mid-70's acoustic progressive country of the California kind. Also great local flavor via Caribou on the highway warnings, bingo nights etc...

F.C.C. RADIO SPECTRUM PAGE

http://www.fcc.gov/oet/spectrum/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This page offers various tables, allocation charts, history files, etc. regarding the radio spectrum.

RADIO SPECTRUM INFO

http://klixie.textdriven.com/radiospectrum/index.php

Buzz, contributor to SWLFest Mailing List

This website offers a frequently updated RSS feed of Experimental Radio Service (ERS) licenses and Special Temporary Authority (STA) authorizations as obtained from the FCC Office of Engineering and Technology (OET). It is an easy and fast way to learn of interesting wireless products and services while they are still in development.

MARCONI AND BALLYBUNION

http://vr2xbm.googlepages.com/home

VIA Vernon Ikeda, Pierrefonds, Quebec

This is a website featuring the Marconi station YXQ. From Ballybunion was established the first wireless telephonic communication from east to west across the Atlantic in March 1919 using the call sign YXQ.

WILLIAM HEPBURN'S WORLDWIDE TROPOSPHERIC DUCTING FORECASTS

http://www.dxinfocentre.com/tropo.html

VIA Larry Dolan, Pierrefonds, Quebec

This page features 6-day forecasts of vhf, uhf & microwave radio & tv signal strength & interference.

MODERN MECHANIX RADIO

http://blog.modernmechanix.com/category/communications/radio/

VIA Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario

Check out this site with lots of interesting information about radio inventions. Many were not successful in the marketplace.

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK HAMFEST

http://rochesterhamfest.org/

VIA Kevin Carey, West Bloomfield, New York

I would like to send you this link to the Rochester (NY) Hamfest, to be held May 30th and 31st. This event is one of the largest hamfests in the Northeastern U.S. and also attracts many participants from VE2 and VE3 land. The link includes all pertinent information on the event, including a
downloadable PDF brochure.

SPREAD SPECTRUM SCENE ONLINE

http://www.sss-mag.com/index.html

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

There's a lot going on in the world of Spread Spectrum today -- try some of the links on the left of the page to explore the site, which provides in-depth tutorials, FCC rulemaking news and comments, reviews of some of the more recent RF chips, white papers, doctoral dissertations, a variety of specialty books on various wireless/ spread spectrum / RF areas, and a wide range of other information.

BLANDX

http://www.blandx.com/

VIA Don Moore, Davenport, Iowa

In the next issue you may want to list that the 2008 e-issue of BLANDX (the proud culmination of a long chain of bad jokes) is out. There is also a growing section of historical DX humor. The original 1981 BLANDX was recently added to that.

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UNIDEN SCANNERS A WORLD WITHOUT WIRES

Uniden America Corporation, the North American subsidiary of Japan-based Uniden Corporation, manufactures and markets wireless consumer electronic products including cordless telephones, business telecommunications systems, Bearcat® scanners, FRS/GMRS radios, marine radios and other wireless personal communications products. Based in Fort Worth, Texas, Uniden sells its products through dealers and distributors throughout North, Central and South America.

Bearcat is probably one of the most recognized names in radio scanners. Uniden manufactures an extensive line of radio scanners for monitoring police, fire, ambulances, public service and other forms of communications. Uniden offers a variety of handheld and mobile scanners; analog and digital models, as well as the world famous TrunkTracker line.

You will find details on all the Uniden Bearcat scanner models at:

http://www.uniden.com/products/index.cfm?cat=scanners

Uniden scanners, accessories, plus all other Uniden products, are available from Radio HF. Please contact me for details.

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THE GENERAL ZONE

PUBLIC SAFETY CANADA GET PREPARED

http://www.getprepared.gc.ca/index_e.asp

VIA Vernon Ikeda, Pierrefonds, Quebec

In conjunction with Emergency Preparedness Week, May 4 to 10, this page features many links to various Emergency's Preparedness bulletins, tips, videocasts and other useful sites.

HANDWRITING ANALYSTS

http://www.handwriting.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The purpose of this web page is to promote awareness, understanding, and support for handwriting analysis and to provide a central source of information about handwriting analysis. The presentation of this information is balanced and representative of accepted principles.

LOST AMERICA

http://www.lostamerica.com/

VIA Richard Sim, Goose Bay, Labrador & Newfoundland

Troy Paiva is a commercial artist living in the San Francisco Bay Area. For his entire adult life he has been an abandonment explorer and back-roads wanderer, especially at night. Sneaking around in junkyards and dead roadside towns in the middle of the night, he was doing Urban Exploration years before the term even existed. Many of the places and objects in these photos are already gone; bulldozed, burned down, subdivided, melted for scrap or just vanished under the

shifting desert sand.

TELEVISION TUNES

http://www.televisiontunes.com/

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

Welcome to TelevisionTunes.com! Here you will find tonnes of TV theme music and songs from yesterday and today. Browse our huge archive of 5,450 theme songs using the index above or below. All of the theme music is in MP3 format.

WHAT IS GPS?

http://www8.garmin.com/aboutGPS/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

From Garmin, one of the world leaders in GPS equipment, this page leads you through the basics of the technology.

JUST HELICOPTERS

http://www.justhelicopters.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Thousands of helicopter professionals from 80+ countries "worldwide" visit JustHelicopters.com every day, making it the Helicopter Industry's #1 Online Resource! Whether a Helicopter Pilot, Helicopter Student, Helicopter Mechanic, Employer, Helicopter Flight School, Helicopter Business, or an enthusiast, JustHelicopters.com has something for you.

THE WILD ONES

http://www.thewildones.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Here's a good one to share with the kids. This is the webpage of the Children's Education Program for Wildlife Trust.
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WHAT'S NEW IN BOOKS & PUBLICATIONS FROM THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY

LEAGUE, THE RADIO SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN, and other publishers?

Do-It-Yourself Circuitbuilding for Dummies - by H. Ward Silver, N0AX
Author of Ham Radio for Dummies
Have you ever wanted to build your own electronic device? Put together a thermostat or an in-line fuse, or repair a microphone cable? This is the book for you! Inside you'll find the tools and techniques you need to build circuits, with illustrated, step-by-step directions to help accomplish tasks and complete projects.

Discover how to:
Build electronic circuits from start to finish
Prepare a project from schematics, then solder and test it
Work from detailed do it yourself instructions with step by step

illustrations
About the author: Ward Silver is an electrical engineer who's been a licensed ham for 31 years. His ham radio call sign is N0AX. He is a contributing editor and columnist for QST, the monthly magazine for ham operators published by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL--The national association for AMATEUR RADIO).
390 pages. 2008, by John Wiley & Sons, Inc.
(ISBN: 0-4701-7342-4) #0015 - $24.99 Canadian or U.S.
Now Shipping.

Keys III: THE WORLD OF KEYS - By Dave Ingram, K4TWJ
This unique book contains ultra high resolution pictures plus full descriptions of over 100 of the world's most glamorous keys, bugs and paddles--new and old. Dave's overwhelming enthusiasm for keys and CW is vividly apparent in every description and has inspired radio amateurs of all ages to enjoy CW.

Includes:
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Dual Polarity keys, pump keys and fun keys
Vibroplex bugs, fully automatic bugs, motor-driven and vertical bugs
3 lever keys
Miniatures
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RSGB Radio Communication Handbook - 9th Edition
Edited by Mike Dennison, G3XDV and John Fielding, ZS5JF.
One of the largest and most comprehensive guides to the theory and practice of Amateur Radio communication since it was first published in 1938. New larger format, with over 1,500 illustrations, 26 chapters and two appendices.
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800 pages. Ninth edition, 2007, published by Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB).
(ISBN: 9781-9050-863) #1215 - $54.95 Canadian or U.S.
Now Shipping!

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THE FUN & SERVICES ZONE

WEATHER BONK

http://www.weatherbonk.com/

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

Find weather conditions and forecasts around the world. You can view live weather conditions and forecasts, Webcams, monthly averages, traffic, and more, with map, satellite, or hybrid view and an overlay of radar, clouds, and temperature in real time.

POODWADDLE WORLD CLOCK

http://www.poodwaddle.com/clocks2.htm

VIA Jan Lindstrom, Westmount, Quebec

Watch more than just the time on this page as the numbers change on things like world population, births, deaths, disease rates, marriages, divorces and many more worldly categories.

HOWJSAY

http://howjsay.com/

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

This is an English pronunciation dictionary with instant sound nearing 100,000 entries in its vocabulary. Type the word or phrase in the block. Click SUBMIT. Make sure your system SOUND is "ON".

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THE 2008 HAMFEST/FLEAMARKET ZONE

Each month we list upcoming events, including hamfests, predominantly in Canada. NOTE: All times quoted are local. (Compiled by Vernon Ikeda VE2QQ, Pierrefonds, Quebec, and Radio Amateurs of Canada)

Saturday, May 10
24th Annual Smiths Falls Amateur Radio Fleamarket - Smiths Fall, Ontario
Location: Smiths Falls Youth Arena (behind 150 Elmsly Street North, Corner of Cornelia Street (County Road 43) and Elmsley Street) Smiths Falls, ON.
Vendors 07:00 Public 09:00 to noon Tables 10.00$ General Admission 5.00$
Talk-in: VE3RLR 147.210 (+)
Table reservations/Information Steve Mayne VE3LWX at webmaster@lanarkweather.org TEL: 613-253-2215
E-mail: ve3rlr@...
Web page: http://www.falls.igs.net/~rlarc
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Saturday, May 24
CNIB Hamfest - Toronto, Ontario
Location: CNIB Centre, 1929 Bayview Ave. Toronto
Time: Vendors at 07:00 and General Public at 09:00 - General Admission 5.00$ Tables: 20.00$
Talk-in: VE3RPT 147.060 (+) - VE3NIB 443.500 (+) 103.5 PL and 146.520 simplex
E-mail: amateurradio@...
Web Page: http://www.cnib.ca/amateurradio/hamfest.

Sunday, May 25
Hamfest du Québec 2008 - Sorel-Tracy, Québec

Location: Curling A. Racine et Centre Culturel, Place du Centre Civique, Tracy, QC
Vendors 06h30 - General Admission 09h00
General Admission: $5.00 Tables (indoors) $15.00 - (outdoors) $7.00
Talk-in: VE2RBS 145.370 (-) CTCSS 103.5
Information: Luc Leblanc, VE2DWE at 450-743-8676,
E-mail: lucleblanc@...
Web Page: http://www.hamfest.qc.ca/
RADIO HF WILL BE THERE

Saturday, June 7
Central Ontario Fleamarket and Hamfest Fergus, Ontario
Location: Fergus & District Community Centre, 10 km north of Guelph off Highway 6.
Vendors at 06:00, Tailgaters at 07:00 and the Public at 08:00 to 12:30. Admission $7.00 -- Vendors - $14.00 plus admission -- Tailgaters $8.00 plus admission.
Talk-in: 145.210 (-) VE3ZMG or VE3KSR on 146.970 (-) and switch to 146.520 simplex the Fergus.
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Web page: http://www.hamfest.on.ca

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THE RESOURCES ZONE

The following is a listing of clubs, groups, radio broadcasts and other resources that may be of interest to you.

THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DX CLUB (CIDX)

CIDX is Canada's national radio monitoring club, serving radio hobbyists since 1962. Our monthly newsletter, MESSENGER, now published electronically, covers all aspects of the radio monitoring hobby.

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year, is open to radio hobbyists worldwide.

CIDX continues to update its web page. Please visit it regularly at http://www.cidx.ca

PRIME TIME SHORTWAVE

Prime Time Shortwave is a listing of English shortwave broadcast that are updated on a weekly basis by webmasters Daniel Sampson and Ernest Riley. The schedules are constantly updated from various print and internet sources as well as from monitoring by the webmaster and other shortwave listeners and DXers. The shortwave schedules are available by time, country and frequency format. Also, they are available in ASCII, DBase, Excel and PalmOS formats (Dan Lyddy creates the PalmOS file). You will also find links to some of the best radio related websites and to the international broadcasters and time conversion charts (some provided by Craig Braun). Please visit the Prime Time Shortwave webpage at

http://www.primetimeshortwave.com/

THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO REPORT

The International Radio Report, beginning its 20th year on CKUT-FM, 90.3 FM in Montreal, is available via the Internet live streaming, and on the airwaves of CKUT, Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM Eastern (1430 UTC). The show's co-hosts, Janice and Steve Karlock, present a weekly half-hour of news, information and developments in radio broadcasting. Visit the CKUT web page for full CKUT programming:

http://www.ckut.ca

You may listen to archived editions of the programme through the CKUT web site. Send your comments or questions to the International Radio Report, by e-mail, to radioreport@...

RADIO CANADA INTERNATIONAL

Radio Canada International is Canada's shortwave broadcaster. The broadcast schedules for March 30 to October 26, 2008 are now posted on the Schedules and Frequencies page of the RCI webpage at the following address:

http://www.rcinet.ca/rci/en/horaires.shtml

You will also find the schedules for three 24-hour per day satellite channels on the HotBird satellite (Europe/North Africa/Middle East), the RCI Plus channel on Sirius Satellite Radio and the live RCI Viva service available on the website.

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http://www.birdprotectionquebec.org

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